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Contract #: B00487 UCG-10206-1

## SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR RATE SCHEDULE IT-1

This Service Agreement, made and entered into this day of Attorio, 1997, by and between TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation (herein called "Pipeline") and UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY, (herein called "Customer", whether one or more),

## WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Customer desires Pipeline to transport natural gas for Customer's account on an interruptible basis pursuant to the terms and conditions of Pipeline's Rate Schedule IT-1; and

WHEREAS, Pipeline desires to transport natural gas for Customer's account on an interruptible basis pursuant to the terms and conditions of Pipeline's Rate Schedule IT-1;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the premises and of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties do covenant and agree as follows:

#### ARTICLE I

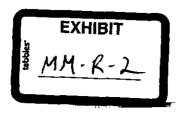
#### SCOPE OF AGREEMENT

Subject to the terms, conditions and limitations hereof and of Pipeline's Rate Schedule IT-1, Pipeline agrees to deliver on an interruptible basis for Customer's account quantities of natural gas up to the following quantity:

Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ) 10000 dth

Pipeline shall receive for Customer's account, at the Point(s) of Receipt, for transportation hereunder daily quantities of gas up to Customer's MDQ, plus Applicable Shrinkage. Pipeline shall transport and deliver for Customer's account, at the Point(s) of Delivery, such daily quantities tendered up to such Customer's MDQ.

Pipeline shall not be obligated to, but may at its discretion, receive at any Point of Receipt on any day a quantity of gas in excess of the applicable Maximum Daily Receipt Obligation (MDRO), plus Applicable Shrinkage, as specified in the executed service agreement. Pipeline shall not be obligated to, but may at its discretion, deliver at any Point of Delivery on any day a quantity of gas in excess of the applicable Maximum Daily Delivery Obligation (MDDO), as specified in the executed service agreement.



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#### ARTICLE II

#### TERM OF AGREEMENT

The term of this Service Agreement shall commence on February 1, 1994, and shall continue in force and effect until January 31, 1995, and month to month thereafter unless this Service Agreement is terminated as hereinafter provided. This Service Agreement may be terminated by either Pipeline or Customer upon one (1) year prior written notice to the other specifying a termination date of any month occurring on or after the expiration of the primary term. In addition to Pipeline's rights under Section 22 of Pipeline's General Terms and Conditions and without prejudice to such rights, this Service Agreement may be terminated at any time by Pipeline in the event Customer fails to pay part or all of the amount of any bill for service hereunder and such failure continues for thirty (30) days prior written notice to Customer of such termination and provided further, such termination shall not be effective if, prior to the date of termination, Customer either pays such outstanding bill or furnishes a good and sufficient surety bond guaranteeing payment to Pipeline of such outstanding bill.

THE TERMINATION OF THIS SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH A FIXED CONTRACT TERM OR THE PROVISION OF A TERMINATION NOTICE BY CUSTOMER TRIGGERS PREGRANTED ABANDONMENT UNDER SECTION 7 OF THE NATURAL GAS ACT AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE TERMINATION.

Any portions of this Service Agreement necessary to correct or cash-out imbalances under this Service Agreement as required by the General Terms and Conditions of Pipeline's FERC Gas Tariff, Volume No. 1, shall survive the other parts of this Service Agreement until such time as such balancing has been accomplished.

#### ARTICLE III

#### RATE SCHEDULE

This Service Agreement in all respects shall be and remain subject to the applicable provisions of Rate Schedule IT-1 and of the General Terms and Conditions of Pipeline's FERC Gas Tariff on file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, all of which are by this reference made a part hereof.

Customer shall pay Pipeline, for all services rendered hereunder and for the availability of such service in the period stated, the applicable prices established under Pipeline's Rate Schedule IT-1 as filed with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and as the same may be hereafter revised or changed.

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Customer agrees that Pipeline shall have the unilateral right to file with the appropriate regulatory authority and make changes effective in (a) the rates and charges applicable to service pursuant to Pipeline's Rate Schedule IT-1, (b) Pipeline's Rate Schedule IT-1, pursuant to which service hereunder is rendered or (c) any provision of the General Terms and Conditions applicable to Rate Schedule IT-1. Pipeline agrees that Customer may protest or contest the aforementioned filings, and Customer does not waive any rights it may have with respect to such filings.

#### ARTICLE IV

# POINT(S) OF RECEIPT AND POINT(S) OF DELIVERY

The Point(s) of Receipt and Point(s) of Delivery at which Pipeline shall receive and deliver gas, respectively, shall be specified on Pipeline's Master Receipt Point List (MRPL) and Master Delivery Point List (MDPL). Customer agrees that such MRPL and MDPL as revised and published by Pipeline from time to time are hereby incorporated as part of this Service Agreement for all intents and purposes as if fully copied and set forth herein at length. Customer hereby agrees to comply with the Receipt Pressure Obligation and the Delivery Pressure Obligation as set forth in Section 6 of Pipeline's General Terms and Conditions at such Point(s) of Receipt and Point(s) of Delivery.

#### ARTICLE V

#### QUALITY

All natural gas tendered to Pipeline for Customer's account shall conform to the quality specifications set forth in Section 5 of Pipeline's General Terms and Conditions. agrees that in the event Customer tenders for service hereunder and Pipeline agrees to accept natural gas which does not comply with Pipeline's quality specifications, as expressly provided for in Section 5 of Pipeline's General Terms and Conditions, Customer shall pay all costs associated with processing of such gas as necessary to comply with such quality specifications. Customer shall execute or cause its supplier to execute, if such supplier has retained processing rights to the gas delivered to Customer, the appropriate agreements prior to the commencement of service for the transportation and processing of any liquefiable hydrocarbons and any PVR quantities associated with the processing of gas received by Pipeline at the Point(s) of Receipt under such Customer's service agreement. In addition, subject to the execution of appropriate agreements, Pipeline is willing to transport liquids associated with the gas produced and tendered for transportation hereunder.

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## ARTICLE VI

#### ADDRESSES

Except as herein otherwise provided or as provided in the General Terms and Conditions of Pipeline's FERC Gas Tariff, any notice, request, demand, statement, bill or payment provided for in this Service Agreement, or any notice which any party may desire to give to the other, shall be in writing and shall be considered as duly delivered when mailed by registered, certified, or regular mail to the post office address of the parties hereto, as the case may be, as follows:

TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION CORPORATION (a) Pipeline:

5400 Westheimer Court Houston, TX 77056-5310

(b) Customer: UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY

> 5300 MARYLAND WAY BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

or such other address as either party shall designate by formal written notice.

#### ARTICLE VII

#### **ASSIGNMENTS**

Any Company which shall succeed by purchase, merger, or consolidation to the properties, substantially as an entirety, of Customer, or of Pipeline, as the case may be, shall be entitled to the rights and shall be subject to the obligations of its predecessor in title under this Service Agreement; and either Customer or Pipeline may assign or pledge this Service Agreement under the provisions of any mortgage, deed of trust, indenture, bank credit agreement, assignment, receivable sale, or similar instrument which it has executed or may execute hereafter; otherwise, neither Customer nor Pipeline shall assign this Service Agreement or any of its rights hereunder unless it first shall have obtained the consent thereto in writing of the other; provided further, however, that neither Customer nor Pipeline shall be released from its obligations hereunder without the consent of the other.

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## ARTICLE VIII

#### INTERPRETATION

The interpretation and performance of this Service Agreement shall be in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without recourse to the law regarding the conflict of laws.

This Service Agreement and the obligations of the parties are subject to all present and future valid laws with respect to the subject matter, State and Federal, and to all valid present and future orders, rules and regulations of duly constituted authorities having jurisdiction.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Service Agreement to be signed by their respective Presidents, Vice Presidents or other duly authorized agents and their respective corporate seals to be hereto affixed and attested by their respective Secretaries or Assistant Secretaries, the day and year first above written.

TEXAS EASTERN TRANSMISSION CORPORATION

By Agent and Attorney-in-Fact

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UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY

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ATTEST: Orlera & Johnson